

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed May, 27, 2005. Upon entry of this response, claims 1 – 51 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

More specifically, the Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 51 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 48 of U.S. Patent No. 6,823, 385. In response, Applicants file a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), and submit that claims 1 – 51 are now in condition for allowance.

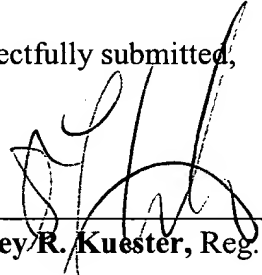
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Further, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known since the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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